

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION**

SMARTMATIC USA CORP., SMARTMATIC INTERNATIONAL HOLDING B.V., AND SGO CORPORATION LIMITED, Petitioners, vs. BRANNON HOWSE,) CASE NO. 2:23-MC-00034))
) JUDGE MARK S. NORRIS
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) MAGISTRATE JUDGE ANNIE T.
) CHRISTOFF
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) MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
) APPEARANCE OF ATTORNEY
) MICHAEL E. BLOOM
))
) Related to Action Pending in the U.S. District
) Court of the District of Minnesota, <i>Smartmatic</i>
) <i>USA Corp., et al. v. Lindell, et al.</i> , 22-cv-
) 00098-JMB-JFD

Petitioners Smartmatic USA Corp., Smartmatic International Holding B.V., and SGO Corporation Limited (collectively, “Smartmatic”), by and through their undersigned counsel, respectfully request leave to withdraw the appearance of Attorney Michael E. Bloom (admitted *pro hac vice*) (IL Bar No. 6302422) under the provisions of Local Rule 83.5. In support of the motion, Smartmatic states as follows:

1. Attorney Bloom has given notice of his resignation from Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP (“Benesch”) to continue his practice elsewhere.
2. Smartmatic received due written notice of Attorney Bloom’s resignation from Benesch and the withdrawal of Attorney Bloom prior to submitting this request to the Court, and Smartmatic consents to the withdrawal.
3. Smartmatic will continue to be represented by very capable counsel from Benesch, Kal K. Shah, James R. Bedell, and Julie M. Loftus.

4. No deadlines scheduled by the Court will be adversely affected by this withdrawal and neither party will be prejudiced by the withdrawal.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Smartmatic hereby respectfully requests that an Order be entered granting withdrawal of Attorney Bloom.

Dated: May 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

s/ James R. Bedell

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 1, 2024 a copy of the foregoing *Motion for Withdrawal of Appearance of Attorney Michael E. Bloom* was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's electronic filing system to all parties indicated on the electronic filing receipt. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

s/ James R. Bedell

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